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SUBJ: SUBJECT: HOLMES WRECKERS

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1. EMBOFF HAS DISCUSSED PROBLEM OF SELLING WRECKERS TO BANGKOK METROPOLIS ADMINISTRATION (BMA) WITH MR. LIKIT, MANAGER OF DEVICE TRADING. LIKIT SAID HE HAS BEEN WORKING ON THIS PROJECT SINCE LAST SUMMER AND HE PERSONALLY TRAVELLED TO THE U.S. TO TALK WITH HOLMES' LOS ANGELES DISTRIBUTOR, LAMBERT CO.

2. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE BMA IS STILL CONSIDERING A DIRECT PURCHASE OF WRECKERS FROM DEVICE TRADING OR NOT. THE GOVERNOR, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, HAS REJECTED THE PURCHASE ON THE BASIS THAT THE FIRM DROPPED ITS PRICE TOO QUICKLY WHEN ASKED, POSSIBLY INDICATING SOME QUESTIONABLE BEHAVIOR. LIKIT EXPLAINED THAT THE PRICE DECREASE WAS POSSIBLE BY ASSEMBLING THE WRECKERS IN THAILAND RATHER THAN OVERSEAS. HE CLAIMS THAT MOST OF THE BMA COMMITTEE STILL FAVORS THE PURCHASE FROM DEVICE TRADING AND THAT IT EVENTUALLY WILL BE APPROVED.

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3. HOWEVER, LIKIT WONDERS IF THE BMA RECEIVED A QUOTATION DIRECTLY FROM HOLMES, NEW YORK, WHICH MAY HAVE CAUSED THE PROBLEM OF APPARENT PRICE DIFFERENCES. EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT LIKIT ASK LAMBERT TO CHECK WITH HOLMES. USDOC MAY ALSO WISH TO ASCERTAIN FROM HOLMES IF FIRM HAD ANY DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS WITH BMA. WITH THIS

PURCHASE RECEIVING SO MUCH PRESS PUBLICITY AND OPPOSITION
FROM THE GOVERNOR, IT WOULD BE A PITY IF THE U.S.
MANUFACTURER AND ONE OF ITS DISTRIBUTORS APPEAR TO BE
QUOTING DIFFERENT PRICES.
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